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In re application of:

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Applicant herein responds to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action dated March 15, 2006 in the above identified patent application. Entry of applicant's election and substantive examination are requested in light of the following.

In the Office Action, the Examiner set forth two (2) groups of claims as directed to distinct inventions, corresponding to a process (Group I, containing Claims 1-22 and 45) and its apparatus for practice (Group II, containing Claims 23-44). In doing so, the Examiner stated that the apparatus can be used to practice the materially different process of reforming.

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In response, applicant elects the claims of Group I for examination, namely Claims 1-22 and 45 directed to a process, with traverse.

In light of the foregoing, applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1-22 and 45 of this application are in proper form for examination. Early examination and favorable consideration is respectfully requested and earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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